

# EVENTS CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 27	Thursday, April 28	Friday, April 29	Saturday, April 30	Sunday, May 1
Take Charge Meeting	Academic Affairs Committee	Handicapped Awareness Program	Benefit Plant Sale	Benefit Plant Sale
2-4 p.m.	noon-1 p.m.	noon-5 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Small Dining Room	BR-A	Fireside Lounge	ELC Nursery	ELC Nursery

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## Voters pick John Sagoe for president

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His term has just started and his administration will not be filled until later this week, but newly-elected Associated Student Government president John Sagoe has his ideas gathered and is putting them to use.

"My main concern is to improve the communication between the students and ASG. Right now it is terrible," Sagoe said. "The bulk of the students do not care and do not get involved. It is not ASG's fault, but something must be done, and ASG should take some responsibility."

Throughout his campaign Sagoe stated three ways in which he feels students can get involved. The first way is to be a participant and "actually be a part of the College." Second, he stresses the need for students to inform ASG of their needs. Last of all, Sagoe feels that observers can be used to an advantage not by criticizing, but by informing ASG of problems.

"During my campaign I talked to a lot of students who felt they were not being represented. If I am a student and no one will listen to my ideas I am not going to care. That is the level where the student communication is at right now," Sagoe said.

"It is not a matter of what the people at the top want, but what the bulk of the people want," the president-elect said. "It should make as little significance as possible what my personal opinion is when I am representing the students."

Sagoe feels that a promise for better student communication would be foolish at this stage because he has not looked into the matter in depth.

"I don't want people expecting things from me before I do anything about them," Sagoe said. "It will take both parties (ASG and the students). I can do my part, but the students will have to do their part."

The performance of this year's ASG has been "tremendous," Sagoe thinks, but added that there is always room for improvement. He does not see any weak area (except for communication) and is looking to add strength to every area.

Considering all the complaints and criticism the College has faced, the major problem that Sagoe sees is not dealing with the school itself but with apathy at the College.

As for ways to eliminate the problem, he thinks there are no definite answers, stating "Whatever you do there is going to be apathy."

Sagoe hopes that through improved communication between the students and student government the problem with apathy will be minimized. One way Sagoe has begun to deal with the lingering problem is by better use of the suggestion boxes.

Other ideas the president is tossing around



President-elect John Sagoe

Photos by Rick Obritschkewitsch

is a grievance committee to look over students' ideas, a weekly newsletter from his office to the students, and making himself personally available to the students in the Community Center.

Sagoe is now in the process of completing his executive cabinet. He is hoping other officers will be willing to sacrifice their time in order to serve the students, he said. The other offices are assistant to the president, administrative assistant and activities director. They are appointed, not elected positions.

Activities is one area that Sagoe is looking to add strength to next year. He thinks many of the events that ASG sponsored this year did not meet the needs of all the students.

"I listened to the older generation and they did not feel there is anything going for them. And some of the history majors who feel nuclear and governmental issues affect their lives felt there is not anything happening that interested them," Sagoe said.

"Every group should be represented and have things happening that they enjoy," Sagoe said. "Everyone pays tuition and should be represented equally."

Sagoe's opponent in the recent election, Don Porter, had ideas for change and investigation, but the president-elect does not see things in the same light.

"There are probably things that need looking into, but until we can, it is not wise for us to say things not until we know we can do something about them," Sagoe said.

"People say the cafeteria prices are too high or that the bookstore prices are too high, so we have to ask ourselves what can be done about them? What are the alternatives?" Sagoe explained. "I do not think it is important for me to make a decision when everyone else will have to suffer the consequences. If the students decide the alternatives, then they are willing to suffer the consequences."

Looking toward his work as ASG president next year, Sagoe is also hoping for cooperation, not only from the students, but his staff as well.

"We are all going to do it together. When I look for cabinet members, I will look for someone who will sacrifice their time in order to serve the students."

## Linda Cox elected ASG vice president

Linda Cox received nearly twice as many votes as her nearest competitor to become the Associated Student Government Vice President for 1983-84 at last week's elections.

Cox received 195 votes. Tim Sytsma, the only other official candidate, received 108 votes. Cox was very pleased with her showing, especially since she missed the last week of campaigning due to illness.

Cox, 39, is a business

administration background and work as an ASG senator all combined to convince her to run for vice president.

"Clubs and communications will be my main areas of involvement," Cox said. She feels clubs are an untapped source of power for the College. "I would like to see the clubs help with community projects, such as the blood drive and the recent Take Charge Day," she said.



Vice President-elect Linda Cox

administration major and has been an ASG senator for most of this year. At first, Cox did not want to run for office because she thought her age would make it difficult for the other, younger students to identify with her, she explained.

"Finally, I changed my mind about that," she said. "I talked to several students and discovered we had the same problems; I'm single now, I work, date, take classes, study, and I have to juggle all that together, just like any other student."

Cox is a work/study student in the Career Development and Job Placement Center. She is also the founder and chairperson of the College's Spanish club.

Her work with clubs,

"The ASG needs to work more closely with the community. We are a community college. They pay the taxes that keep this place open, so we have to show we care," Cox said.

On the subject of communications, Cox has several ideas to make the ASG more accessible to the students. Those plans include opinion polls and office hours for herself and the President-elect, John Sagoe to talk to students. Cox would also like to see a weekly ASG column in *The Print*. "We have to improve communications. Not just with our friends, but with all the students," she said. "If you mention student government to students, they say 'who?'"

